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Dutch Pig Stock Is Declining

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Report Highlights:

Dutch pig stock is declining to the level of 1985.

Includes PSD changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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The Product Board for Livestock, Meat and Eggs (PVE) reported that the Dutch pig stock declined by 10 percent during 2001. The main reasons for this decline are environmental restrictions and the FMD outbreak which led to a ban on Dutch exports and corresponding low prices for Dutch pork. As a consequence, a large number of farmers sold their farms to the government. The PVE forecasts that, in contrast to the EU, Dutch pig stocks will not recover in 2002. The PVE expects the Dutch pig stock to decline to about 11.6 million in 2002. This is comparable with stocks in 1985 and in 1998, just after the swine fever outbreak in The Netherlands.

Year	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Pig stock (million)	14.4	14.4	15.2	13.4	13.6	13.1	11.8	11.6

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